

## WORCESTER COUNTY 2004 AGRICULTURAL PROFILE

<i>Farm Numbers</i> <sup>1</sup>	1992	1997 <sup>3</sup>	2002
Number of Farms	474	450	403
Average Size (acres)	227	255	326
Land in Farms (acres)	107,519	114,624	131,249
<i>Livestock Inventory</i> <sup>1</sup>	1992	1997 <sup>3</sup>	2002
Cattle	2,059	1,763	1,399
Hogs	30,133	7,274	661
Sheep		42	<sup>2</sup>
<i>2002 Value of Sales</i> <sup>1</sup>			
All Products (\$1,000)			123,450
Poultry & Eggs (\$1,000)			106,306
Grains & Oilseeds (\$1,000)			15,238
Vegetables (\$1,000)			<sup>2</sup>
<i>Demographic Data</i> <sup>1</sup>	1992	1997 <sup>3</sup>	2002
Average Age of Operator	52.9	53.2	56.8
Percent Female Operators	12.0	13.1	16.4
<i>2002 Equine Census</i>			
Number of Equine Places			180
Equine Inventory			960
Value of Equine Inventory			\$5,995,000

<i>Crop Production Acres</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> <sup>1</sup>			
Corn for Grain	2	Soybeans	5
Barley	21	Vegetables	23
Forage	20	Wheat	9

<i>Livestock &amp; Poultry Inventories</i> <i>Rank among Maryland Counties, 2002</i> <sup>1</sup>			
Beef Cattle	19	Milk Cows	15
Broilers	2	Sheep	22
Hogs	13		

<sup>1</sup> Source: Census of Agriculture, NASS.

<sup>2</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

<sup>3</sup> Revised.

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<i>Crop</i>	<i>Year</i>	<i>Acreage Harvested</i>	<i>Yield</i>	<i>Total Production</i>
Corn for Grain (bushels)	2002	38,500	75.4	2,903,500
	2003	34,700	116.6	4,046,000
	2004	35,000	151.8	5,311,700
Corn for Silage (tons)	2002	*	*	*
	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*
Soybeans (bushels)	2002	35,200	27.8	977,300
	2003	39,300	39.3	1,544,000
	2004	37,500	41.4	1,552,100
Wheat (bushels)	2002	7,000	59.2	414,400
	2003	8,200	41.0	336,500
	2004	5,700	55.3	315,068
Hay (tons)	2002	1,500	1.8	2,700
	2003	1,300	2.3	3,000
	2004	1,500	2.1	3,100
Barley (bushels)	2002	*	*	*
	2003	*	*	*
	2004	*	*	*

\* Acreage too small to publish.

	2002	2003	2004
Cropland Cash Rents (per acre)	\$65.84	\$73.08	\$76.51

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